

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:195

ANSWERED ON:10.03.2016

Supply of Coal for power plants

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal supplied to thermal power plants during each of the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;
- (b) whether thermal power plants have sufficient stock of coal to meet the current demand, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of thermal power plants which had to be shut down for short period due to shortage of coal during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of coal to the thermal power plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2016 REGARDING SUPPLY OF COAL FOR POWER PLANTS.

(a) : Sector-wise details of quantum of coal received by thermal power plants (monitored by Central Electricity Authority) during the last three years are given at Annex.

(b) : Yes, Madam. As on 6th March, 2016, coal stock at power plants was around 36.7 Million Tonnes (MT) which is sufficient to meet the requirement of coal for operation of the coal based power plants for 26 days, on average.

(c) : As reported by power utilities, the generation loss due to shortage of coal during the last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are 15.054 Billion Unit (BU), 8.082 BU and 2.678 BU respectively. During the current year 2015-16 (upto February, 2016), none of the power plants have reported generation loss due to shortage of coal.

(d) : Steps being taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of coal to the thermal power plants, inter-alia, are :

(i) Enhanced production of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL). CIL has prepared a road map to enhance coal production to 1 Billion Tonnes (BT) by the year 2019-20 to meet the coal requirement.

(ii) Coal blocks have been allotted to power utilities to improve domestic coal availability.

(iii) The availability of coal is regularly monitored at the highest level in the Government so that generation of power plant is not affected due to shortage of coal.
